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- lo A Colonel Zlatev, who not calls himself Conoral, is the leader of a resistance group that is active in the Balkan mountain range around Lovech. Zlatev is said to have been the commanding officer of a regiment in Levech during the recent; were
- 2. In the Rila mountains a resistance group is led by a Bulgarian major using the nom do guerra "Gonghia Kaan", a name given him tecause of his long moustache. This individual is reportedly a former officer of the Bulgarian General Staff who fought against the Germans in Hungary and who was decorated with the order "Hero of the Soviet Unici". It is said that he became an opponent of the Communists on his return home in 1945, and upon discovery escaped to the hills with seventy officers and men.
- \mathfrak{F}_c . The group led by the so-called "Genghis Khan" is said to be the second largest resistance group in Balanria, but more active than that led by General Zlateve "Gonghis Khan" is reported to have attacked a concentration camp about 30 kilemeters from the Bulgarian-Grack frontier on 20 August 1949, killing the guerds and freeing some 8,000 immetes.
- 4. Resistance activity in Talgaria is said to take the form of sabotage and liquidations of ideal Communist functionaries who have made themselves obnexious to the population. Astr of sabotage are reportedly carried cut against railroads and highways and those factories producing armament. The strength of Bulgarian resistance notements is currently estimated at 7,000 men. Hembers of the old Dross Hibsilavie organization in Servin are reported to me intain ligism with the highrim resistance, supplying to it some arms from stocks hidden in the force to Castern Serbia. General Zlater is described as the "commandor" of the Bilgirian resistance groups-

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